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'95 Follies Continues 19 Year Tradition

by Mathew Renner

The annual "Senior Follies" has arrived at ORHS. This year is expected to have a great turnout due to the diversity of the class. "We have generated a lot of skit ideas...we just need to move the ideas onto the stage floor," commented senior co-director Chris Davis.

Co-director Dawn Igoe said, "Follies should be good this year, but we are definitely pressed for time." With Davis and Dawn Igoe at the helm, there will be a combination of two different personalities. "The follies will be clever, inane, and asinine," according to senior Roger LaMarque.

This year, there has not been a lot of stage time to rehearse due to the elementary school plays. Moving the ideas on to the stage will be tough, but Follies, no matter what, will still go on. Preparations for this year's show, however, have not always had a positive climate. "There are a lot of people who have negative attitudes which makes the class unity go down...eventually, so will Follies," senior Karen Humphrey said.

Follies has been a tradition for about nineteen years. Early in the 1970's, "Follies" was called "Senior Review."

In the past, Follies has not always

been appropriate. It was poorly supervised and the skits sometimes had racial and ethnic slurs. One year there were students who had taken drugs and alcohol before Follies. Mr. Tappan commented: "those follies were in such poor taste that we [faculty] wondered if it would be banned."

After 1986, the rules and policy changed. Skits had to be passed by the administration and skits "making fun of" certain people, had to be signed by the person. "Recently, follies, for the most part, have been good-natured. Sometimes they have been a little risqué, seldom has caused me to cringe," said Mr. Tappan.

This year, the seniors have been se-

April 20 and 21. When asked about the theme this year, Senior Win Puffer joked, "I could tell you, but then I'd have to kill you."

Seniors face big squeeze with little stage time left



Follies cast prepares the closing number

POLICE CRACK DOWN

by Katie Jentes

Following complaints from community members, Durham police are cracking down on underage smoking in and around the school.

There will be an increase in police presence before, during, and after school to eliminate the smokers, according to Principal Ann Brown.

In a related development, teachers decided at their April 12 faculty meeting to back a proposal providing an increase in adult supervision in the public areas of the school. This was not just because of smoking, but also because of rowdiness, vandalism, foul language, and acts of student-to-student intimidation.

The teacher supported this plan because they felt a minority of students were setting the standards for the rest, according to English teacher Richard Tappan.

"We had handed leadership over to some students who tended to be negative," he said.

According to the new policy smokers or those who assist them as look-outs will receive in-school suspension for the first offense.

Upon being caught again, police will be called, charges filed and an out-of-school suspension given until parents bring students back into the school to meet with the principal or assistant principal.

Mrs. Brown has also been talking about following in the footsteps of Dover High School and forming a Saturday morning anti-smoking class, with police escorts to and from the classroom.

There have also been questions raised about the possible return of a designated smoking area, but Mrs. Brown criticized this idea in a recent interview. "It's against board policy, and against state law for students under 18 to use cigarettes," she noted. ORHS hasn't had a smoking section since 1985.



Coquette-for-a-day Brian "Yvette" Trojan teases Chris Davis

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Variety Marks Senior Directeds

by Aubree Nygren

What do a zoo, a wicked schoolmaster, and a top hat and tails all have in common? If you saw the last batch of Senior Directed Plays on April 6th, 7th, and 8th, you'd know.

The three plays performed were "The Zoo Story," by Edward Albee, directed by Emily Grace; "Nicholas Nickleby," by Tim Kelly, directed by Chris Davis and Michael Chance; and a PYO (Pick Your Own) Improvisational Theater, directed by Andy Dolph.

When the curtain fell on the last night of the plays, a record had been achieved: nine one-act plays directed by seniors in one school year.

The Zoo Story is about a man and woman who meet in Central Park and tell their stories. Cristin Jenkins and Michael Pazdon each held their own as the play's two characters, Jerry and Peter. "They're awesome actors," boasted Emily of her cast. "It's impressive how much work they put into the play. Cristin had tons of memorization and she's really come through."

Michael Chance and Chris Davis chose to direct Nicholas Nickleby "because of its potential for humor." The

play is about a boys' boarding school, the evil couple who run it (fiendishly played by Rick Tappan and Dawn Igoe) and the schoolteacher who tries to save it (portrayed by Greg Sterndale).

Chris and Mike were visibly proud of their cast's performance. Chris stated, "The cast [members] are able to shine as individuals, but are still cohesive enough to work as a team. There's no 'I' in team, but there's a 'T' for toughness."

"Comic sketches based on audience suggestions" was the theme for PYO Improvisational Theater. Cast members were able to take scattered audience suggestions and work them into short, humorous skits.

Andy said the skits were "organized spontaneity and controlled craziness. If you can combine them, you get comic improvisation." The group worked the skits into three themes — locations, personal problems, and a variant on freeze and justify, a theater game.

All the directors felt a strain for stage and rehearsal time. Because of Senior Follies, Spring Track, and the delay of the last batch of Senior Directed Plays, scheduling problems lead to the time constraints.

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Aubree Nygren and Jarqed Tuverson in a previous senior-directed play, "Medea."

A Yearbook With Something Extra

by Dwayne Doucette

The 94-95 yearbook is coming at you better than ever. This year's yearbook will have a little something extra. For the first time ever, the yearbook will have an extra part called the yearbook supplement.

The supplement is going to be made up of events that happen in the spring.

Spring sports will finally have their place in the yearbook, along with the prom and the spring musical. The yearbook supplement is new this year, so not a lot of people have heard of it.

Senior Erick MacPherson reacted positively to the news that the spring sports would finally be a part of the yearbook: "I think that everyone should be credited equally."

The seniors feel that the supplement is a good idea, because there will be more pictures of them in their final months at Oyster River.

Senior Kim Eddy a senior was asked if the supplement is a good idea, because it will have a lot more senior memories. She said "Yes, your senior memories are more at the end of the year."

6th Annual ORHS Trial Brings A New Face

by Jessica Foster

For the sixth year in a row, there will be an actual Superior Court trial during school. For the past five years Chief Justice Nadeau has sat on the bench at the ORHS trial, but this year the Superior Court has given us a new judge. Judge Bruce Mohl will be bringing his actual courtroom to our music room, complete with lawyers, witnesses, defendant, stenographer and ORHS students on the jury.

Although the students' verdict will not count in the actual decision, it gives them a first hand view of the dynamics of a courtroom.

The trial to be presented May 12 will be an appeal from a previous trial where the defendant was found guilty. The trial is a DWI (driving while intoxicated) case with attorney Stephen Jeffco defending. Prosecutors allege that the defendant (no name available)

had been pulled over for questionable driving and failed a field sobriety test as well as a breathalyzer test. The man in question then allegedly offered the officer on duty an unknown amount of money in exchange for letting him off.

"It's great that we get to see a glimpse of how the judicial system works, besides OJ," replied senior Chris Davis.

Mrs. Barnaby comments, "Otherwise nobody would ever step into a courtroom, unless they have to. It's a good experience, it's not from a textbook."

"It taught me how the law works," commented junior Brian Trojan, who served on last year's jury.

Senior Marie Brulotte added, "It's really educational to be a part of the trial."

Judge Mohl was appointed Superior Court judge in January of 1988 after serving as Department Attorney General from 1985-1988, and having graduated from Boston University.

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Evans Elected as New School Board Representative

by Michael Herman

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors elected Drew Evans as next year's student representative to the school board on March 31. The purpose of the student representative is to present the board with issues and concerns the high school student body feels are important.

Although Evans won't have the ability to vote, he can express his opinions when asked about them by the adult school board members.

Evans defined his role as a "liaison"

between the Senate and the School Board. Evans said that his goal is to have a student senator in each homeroom who would inform the general student body of what is happening both in the Senate and School Board settings.

When asked why he ran for the student rep. position, Evans stated that he has been involved in student politics for some time. He is in the Senate this year as well as being on the constitution writing committee. Evans also wants to get student input on where some of the high school op-

erating moneys go, such as to technology, athletics, and other school accounts.

Senior Josh Burt, last year's student rep, suggests that Evans pay strict attention to this year's board meetings. In the last couple of years, said Burt, the board has been concentrating on the elementary and middle school renovations, neglecting the high school.

Burt criticized the fact that the March 1 district meeting and the high school rep elections were held at different times. Senate Advisor Ellen Perry

stated that the senate had been very busy writing the constitution and did not realize that elections had to be held before March 22, the new board's first meeting date. Mrs. Perry said that miscommunication was the key to the mishap. As a result of the election delay, Evans is at least a week behind in school board business.

The former rep's advice to the present rep is to be strong and persistent in opinions and to make those opinions heard when issues about ORHS are examined.

Advisory Council Update:

Changes in Store for Students in Fall 1995

By Joe Futima & Chris Merenda

Next fall students will be seeing change at ORHS. The three largest changes are expected to involve the Senate, student advisory groups, and a new scheduling system.

The Senate has already been put together, but as of next year their Constitution will be intact and they will be ready to make decisions and solve

problems. This year they are still putting together and finishing their Constitution, preventing them from taking a larger role in decision making and immediate issues.

A scheduling committee will be working on putting together a new scheduling system for September. "The scheduling would consist of possibly making

some classes meet every other day for two periods," says Emma Rous, the chair of the Advisory Council.

The advisory groups will be formed to have students and faculty get together and have discussions in small groups about student issues.

There has been word of possibly a two week term. "This will give students a chance to explore different subjects and study something of interest, like dinosaurs," says Principal Ann Brown.

At a special faculty meeting on March 28, a feedback sheet was given to the faculty to give the Advisory Council feedback on the advisory council report. Strengths of the proposal that teachers particularly

found appealing were block scheduling, the two week term, competencies and advisories.

A competency committee, whose

actions may affect future graduation classes, could set new graduation requirements. Students would be

expected to demonstrate their mastery of subjects, rather than just proving they had sat in the classroom for a certain amount of time.

"We should see some large differences in about three Septembers from now. I think this baby's got legs," said Principal Ann Brown.

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--Ann Brown, Principal

Background: Drew Evans, new student representative to the school board.

Foreground: Holly Brown slaving as Ms. Winterbottom as she participated in "Rent-a-Junior" to raise money for the prom. The prom will be held at the Frank Jones Center and will cost \$40 per couple, \$25 singles, and will be held on May 19.



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NEW POLICIES: A DOUBLE EDGED SWORD

Last week tensions were raised when the administration announced they would enforce the smoking and tardiness policies with new measures. Suddenly, students can face a \$100 fine for being caught smoking and "look-outs" are liable to suspension. On a second offense they would be turned over to the police as "accomplices" to violation of smoking laws. Tardiness now results in detentions and a possible fast track to failure of a course.

These new policies are a double-edged sword. The good side is clean, smoke-free bathrooms and a more orderly atmosphere inside and outside the building. However, there is a dark side to the new policy. The faculty and administration have left the students out of the problem-solving process.

Sometimes students see a different path to solve problems than adults might see, but both students and adults can recognize problems and take responsibility for reaching workable solutions.

Lately it feels like the teachers are on one side while the students are on the other. When the faculty decides to enforce certain rules, some students feel the need to rebel. Forget about the system. We need to meet in the middle to come up with solutions that both can agree with.

The moving time is unreasonable and unworkable even for the most conscientious student. Nobody's perfect. No one can make it to every class on time. Teachers often can't get back to their own rooms on time for their next class. High school is a place where students socialize about their past experiences in life. It has always been a place where friendships are made to last a lifetime. Without friendships, there would be no socializing. Hey! we've got something here.

Sometimes it may seem hard for the administration to realize that socializing is really important. One sided decisions regarding tardy rules is the current problem. The equal respect that the student shared with teachers no longer exists. The battle rages on!

Remember these lofty words? "We promote, facilitate, and acknowledge involvement in activities and interest beyond academics, as they are an invaluable part of the learning experience.... Individual rights are inseparable from individual responsibilities. Our school fosters mutual trust and respect and holds all persons responsible for the welfare of the school community." Good ideas from the vision statement -- but when will the vision become reality? The students and the faculty are acting irresponsibly because we are sharing the same problems but not the same solutions.

The Advisory Council and Senate are made up of students, teachers, and community members; neither body has yet been set into action, but either could bring the two war fires to an end. Another possibility is to have students sit in on faculty meetings give their input on what students want, as well as hearing the faculties' needs.

A more open forum assembly, like the one held earlier this year about the destruction of the sign, gave students and teachers the opportunity to voice their opinions in front of one another. Everyone is given the opportunity to participate.

Although the tardy system is working to cut down the smoking and students tardiness, it should have been decided by both the students and the faculty.

We need to take away the double edged sword that separates students and faculty, to create an interdependent system based on what we all want respect.

Must we park at Store 24?

Commentary by Jeremy Loomis

Here comes Smitty's tow truck again. What kind of answer to our parking problem is this?

At the beginning of the year, seniors and tuition students needed to register their cars in the office in order to park in senior parking. Some seniors and tuition students registered their cars, but those who didn't can get around the rules by parking in the visitor spots while registered cars get towed! However, unregistered and underclassmen's cars are still being parked in senior parking. There is no enforcement of the rule created by the administration.

We at this school don't have a lot of money, so I think we can start by organizing some official parking committees to solve this problem. If the School Senate starts to address this problem I think it could be a solved problem soon.

If you come down to the high school during a town meeting, you will see cars parked all the way down to the bridge on Coe Drive as well as "new spots" being formed in the middle of the parking lots and on sidewalks. Even though there are

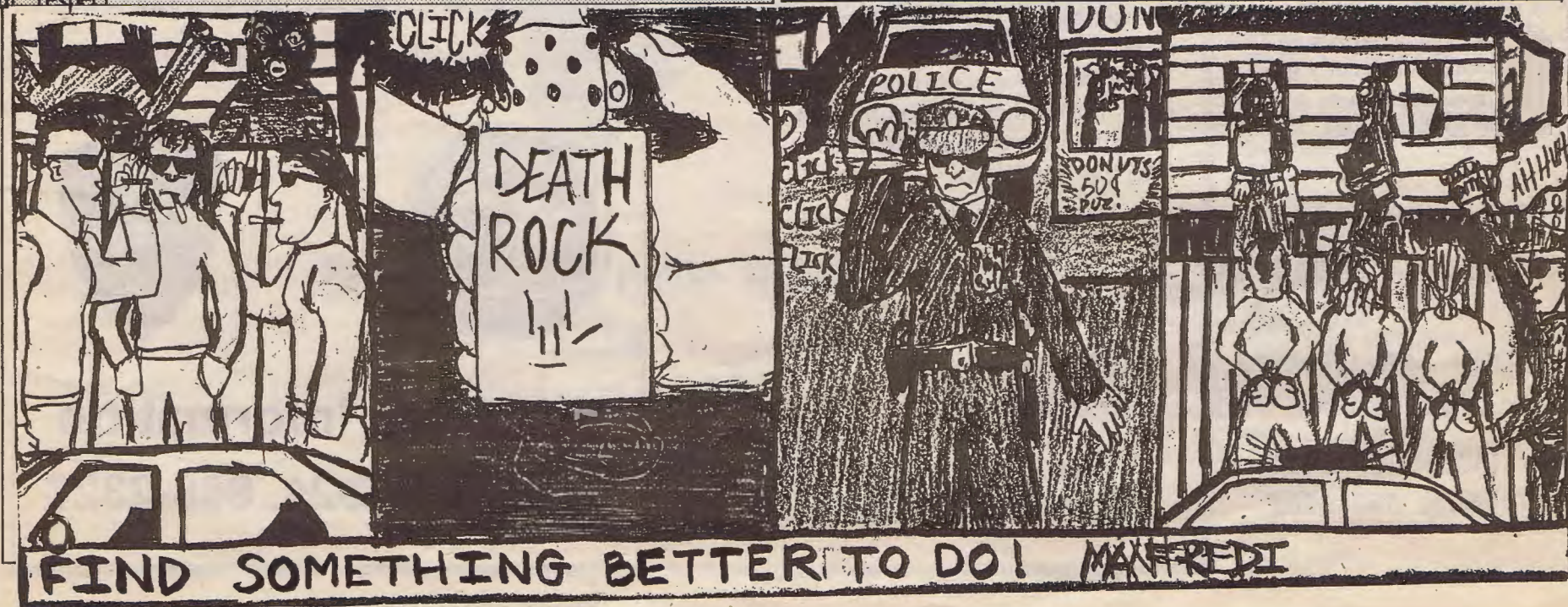
more cops here during the meetings than there are during school hours, none of these illegally parked cars receive tickets. These people could do what students are having to do and park downtown or at the middle school and walk to the meetings. After all, they won't receive a unexcused tardy for parking their car.

The problem is simple. There are more cars than parking spaces. People in this school who drive everyday and need to find a parking spot are really angry and believe that

things need to be changed! Senior Karen Humphrey said "I wanna parking spot."

There are plenty of possible solutions, but unfortunately, they are not as simple. A new parking area could be built, or the current one could be extended, but heaven forbid the town spend some money on our school. Double parking and parking in the superintendent's lot could be allowed. The senate could organize a carpool. People could learn to park more efficiently (it always seems like there are just inches less than a cars length between each car) or if we could raise a little money either through a fundraiser or a parking charge we could paint lines on the roads so that the parking spaces were already determined. Finally, underclassman could have limited parking privileges, which isn't the most pleasant solution to our problem, but if the administration won't help us sort it out then we have to take our own course of action to solve this before it gets too big.

The parking problem is just going to worsen as time goes on and underclassman get their licenses. Senior Dave Cirillo says, "The parking situation is so bad my mother has to drive me to school!" Senior Glen Schreider added, "Seniors deserve the right to park closer than underclassmen." Senior Sarah Varney complained that, "Now that my car is fixed, I don't got a spot!" The situation is so bad that senior Missy Dumont said, "It F*#@ing S*@ks!" Sophomore Alli DeAngelis remarked, "I think that seniors should have priority over underclassmen." A final suggestion came from junior Tim Dee, who said "I think they should combine Teachers parking and senior parking so they can compete for spots."



THE COFFEE OBSESSION

by Jen Bonaccorsi

America's newest obsession is over a substance that's robust flavor has been around for centuries. It has long been a staple inhabiting societies' cupboards, and is finally coming out of the closet, so to speak. It is showing us a tempting new side that is sure to be around for years.

Names like Maxwell House, Folgers, and Chock Full Of Nuts are finding themselves fighting for a place in our cups. New brands, such as Green Mountain and Starbucks, have taken over. They have filled our cups with something more than caffeine; taste. With a new flavor that is extremely good, coffee drinkers have moved into a new era. Flavors such as hazelnut, Swiss chocolate almond, and rain forest nut are sure to never leave our taste buds feeling board.

An obsession, (defined by Webster's as "an excessive preoccupation,") with coffee has taken hold of a country whose British ancestors would have frowned on the very notion. If you find yourself buying premium or flavored coffee, elaborate coffee machines, gold plated coffee filters, visiting coffee houses, or taking unannounced road trips to visit the first Starbucks in Seattle, I must inform you that you are both addicted and obsessed.

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time to yourself to think and evaluate.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sep .23 *Ruling Planet:* Mercury; God of knowledge *Element:* Earth *Animal:* Anchorites (live in seclusion) —Doing anything with friends and family will bring joy. Try not to let little frustrations and problems keep you from the fun that's in your path.

Libra Sep. 24-Oct. 23 *Ruling Planet:* Venus; Goddess of love and beauty *Element:* Air *Animal:* Elephant—Slow down your pace, the world won't pass you by. You feel affectionate and romantic, so take that happy-go-lucky mood and express it.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 *Ruling Planet: Pluto Element: Water Animal: Eagle, wolf*—Be optimistic, the small problems that have been bothering you for months will come to end. Go back to a place of fond memories or to visit/talk with an old friend—you'll appreciate things around you more.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 *Ruling Planet:* Jupiter; God of good fortune *Element:* Fire *Animal:* Horse, dog—The difficult times that you thought would never end are beginning to diminish. This gives you more time to focus on others. Help them reach their goals and give a friend a shoulder to lean on.

Lady luck is in your corner so don't be surprised when parents or friends do unexpected things for you. In return for their generosity, get outside and enjoy the nice weather with them.

Taurus April 21-May 21 *Ruling Planet:* Venus; Goddess of love and beauty *Element:* Earth *Animal:* Bull—This month, your determination is at its peak, enabling you to conquer almost any obstacle. Include your family and friends in any good fortune, and they will return your generosity soon.

Gemini May 22-June 21 *Ruling Planet:* Mercury; God of knowledge
Element: Air *Animal:* Magpie caught up in spring fever finish everything you need to do before you move on to other activities.

Cancer June 22-July 23 *Ruling Power:* The Moon; rules personality *Element:* Water *Animal:* Crab, Turtle—Try not to get too hung up on what is important to you that you forget what is important to others. With spring in the air the focus is to be yourself and try to make light of strenuous situations.

Leo July 24-Aug. 23 *Ruling Planet:* The Sun; rules individuality *Element:* Fire *Animal:* Lion—Hold onto to friends and family at this time for they will give you inspiration. But don't stay too close because you need some

says junior Kelly Watson.

I agree that smoking has gotten out of hand, but I don't agree with the fact that the administration should be allowed to penalize the nonsmokers when we are not the ones at fault. I feel that the best alternative to smoking in the bathrooms would be a smoking section. Here those who do smoke will have their own space, and will not interfere with those who chose not to smoke.

Smokers and nonsmokers alike agree that this would be the best solution. An anonymous smoker comments, "If we had a place to smoke, we wouldn't smoke in the bathrooms." A nonsmoker agrees: "A designated smoking section is essential. I think open doors and teachers constantly coming in and checking is ridiculous." The students who decide to smoke there should not be checked on or bothered every two minutes, as long as they're there on their own time. This way everyone will be satisfied: the teachers won't have to constantly be checking up, the non-smokers won't have to worry about the smoke in the bathrooms, and the smokers won't have to sneak around from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in order to have

a butt.

According to a law passed several years ago, it is illegal to smoke inside of public places. So why not create a smoking section outside of the school? After all, such high schools as Souhegan and even Dover have smoking sections, and Oyster River had one themselves up until 1985.

The newest development in the administrators attempt to stop smoking in the bathrooms is posting a teacher at entryways at all times. In a recent **SMOKING cont. on pg. 7**

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OPINION

A Real Solution to the Smoking Problem

by Allie D'Angelis

As all Oyster River students know, and are reminded of all the time, smoking has developed into a huge problem. Or at least as some think, the administration has made it out to be one. The restrictions have progressed from simple glances into or brief checks of the bathroom, to chaining the doors open, to most recently filing charges if caught with a cigarette.

I for one find a problem with one of the newest forms of prohibiting smoking — the chained-open doors. I certainly don't feel comfortable having people see me enter and leave the stalls, or hear me washing my hands. The bathroom is supposed to provide us with a private place; it is instead anything but.

And, no matter what, if you come out of the bathroom smelling like cigarette smoke, which is inescapable, the teachers immediately suspect that you were in there having a butt. "When you get out of the bathrooms teachers give you bad looks because they think you've been smoking,"

Project Graduation Makes Plans For Seniors' Final Moment

by Kim Eddy

Music, dancing, swimming, and food. Hanging out with friends, a cruise during the sunrise, and a comfortable place to crash. Sound like fun? Well that's the plan for Project Graduation 1995. As scheduled, the senior class will be spending one last bonding moment together starting three hours after graduation. It begins at the Portsmouth Athletic Club from 11-3:30 a.m., followed by a cruise on the Thomas Layton from about 4-6 a.m.

At the fitness center there will be

many activities from which the old seniors can choose to do. The motive here is not to workout, but to be comfortable and have fun. The pool, sauna, and racquetball courts will be open, and food will be served with music playing in the background. They may also opt to bring their sleeping bag and a pillow and just relax. Following the activities, the 1995 graduates will go on a morning cruise on which breakfast will be served. Music will be played there and door prizes given out.

Many senior parents have been working extremely hard since October

1994 to get the trip together. Pat Lang and Donna Hardy, co-chairs of the project, have been finalizing the trip with hopes of nothing but success. Among other parent volunteers is Terry Cirillo, who is in charge of junior-parent chaperones.

Funding has been one of the main challenges in organizing Project Graduation. Fortunately, there has been great success. A fund-raiser shopping night at the Fox Run Mall brought in about \$900 and there have been \$25 donations from several senior parents. Other fund-raisers in-

clude bakesales that wouldn't have been possible without Mrs. Loomis, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Herman. Many businesses have helped out as well by donating generous amounts of food needed for the night.

An important thing to remember about this night, however, is that it is alcohol-and chemical-free. There will be strict rules about this. According to Mrs. Lang, anyone who shows up and is suspected of drinking or drug use will not be allowed to go. Bags will be searched and chaperones will be there to enforce these rules.

The parents would like to know of any suggestions the seniors might have to make the evening more fun, so if you would like to share your ideas, you may contact Pat Lang at 868-1376. Also any junior parents who are interested in chaperoning and interested in helping out with next years Project Graduation, now is a good time to start. Contact Terry Cirillo at 742-7252. The senior class would like to give a special thanks to Donna Hardy, Pat Lang, and all the people who have volunteered their time and effort that will ensure Project Graduation's success.

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towards the end to win a few," said junior Dwayne Ducette.

"Things started out slow playing on a dirt parking lot and only a few players with equipment, but we finally have a field and net to play on. And things are rockin' and rollin'," said sophomore Seth Alie.

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Win Puffer, Cris Alvarez, Dan Mosley, Sherif Farag, Chris Merenda, Tyler Simpson, and Matt Renner make up the rest of the top twelve on the team.

Not to be outdone by the boys, the girls tennis team posted a 14-2 record last season before falling in the semi-finals.

After losing only three players from last year, the girls also expect to fare well this season. Junior Amy Howell summed it up in three words: "We're gonna rock."

Senior co-captain Jaime Smith is "anticipating a fruitful season." As for the change of coaches, senior Mali Welchspoke for the team by saying, "We miss Mrs. Craig but Mr. Faltin has a lot of stamina."

The girls are also off and running. They brought their record to 4-0 with a 9-0 victory over St. Thomas, before losing a tough match to Kennett 5-3.

Fresh Faces and New Goals

by Jen Bonaccorsi

New year, new season, new faces. This year's forty member track team consists of many new members, both upper and lower classmen. With the coaching staff of last year, and the addition of math teacher Brendan Whalen, the team is looking forward to the up-coming season.

The boys' team is in the midst of a rebuilding year. Runner Jon March says that "We have good individuals, but a small team so we are not very competi-

tive." March also stated "We try to help each other, and encourage one another," but he noted that there is not enough school support for the team. The hurdlers do not have enough hurdles, and the facilities are poor. There is no real training spot except for a muddy soccer field.

The girls' team is composed of members who each have their own



Junior Conor McManus

goals. Nicole Wojick who placed third in the state last year for javelin, is setting her sights on being the state champion. "I have a new good coach, so that should help," said Wojick of Mr. Whalen. Mary Beth Nazarro, Lucia Nazarro, and Beth Kraft are expected to be three of the four members of the relay team. (The fourth is undecided.)

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"It's frustrating when you need the stage and it's unavailable," said Emily. "We were pinched for stage time, but we were ready on time!" exclaimed Mike. "We could have used three more weeks," stated Andy. "You can always become a better improviser."

Despite the time crunch, the plays went off without a hitch. "We gave more opportunities to more people this year than ever before, and we got outstanding results," praised advisor Mrs. Rous.

Audience members also showed their admiration. Senior Josh Jenkins said, "I was impressed. [The plays] were extremely well done. Nicholas Nickleby was funny as hell."

"They all complemented each other very well because of the variety," noted junior Amy Howell.

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Senate Works to Include Community

by Robyn Desy and Arianne Conley

The new Senate, formerly called the Student Senate/Faculty Senate has recently been revised to now include community members. Elections for the student members of this committee were elected last year by the student body. Seven members from each of the four classes were chosen to represent us, the students. Last year 6-8 teachers showed interest in becoming part of this senate, but only three committed (Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Mroz.) The objective of the senate, according to member Chris Davis "Is to gain more power over school policy. Which include things like the locker color, parking to even dress code."

Recently the committee members have been working hard on a senate constitution. "We want our power written down, so Ann can't take it away from us!" quotes an anonymous member. The constitution should be ready in the next couple of weeks and then will be presented to the students. At that time, elections for next years senate members will be held.

The senate was created because the student council didn't have any power and was proven ineffective. The sen-

ate has set goals to create a better atmosphere, attitude and basically a strong effort to pull the school together. According to member Lou Mroz: "It is easy to sit back and drink beer all day, it is a lot harder to make changes. If students have a problem with the school, they should bring it up in a senate meeting."

"It is hard to predict how effective the senate will be, it depends on how seriously people take it. It is nice to see faculty and students working together towards a common goal," comments Ellen Perry.

All are welcome to the meetings, so if you want to help change O.R.H.S.; GO, GO, GO!!!

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memo to the students, punishments for smokers as well as look-outs were introduced. "In school suspension for one day first offenders as well as calling the police," the memo reads. "Upon being caught again, police will be called, charges filed, and an out of school suspension assigned until the parents can bring the student back in school to meet with an assistant principal or the principal."

These attempts have proven to be effective: how is it possible for someone to smoke when a teacher's sitting right outside the door? The only ques-

tion I have is: if students can't smoke inside of the school bathrooms anymore, then where are they smoking?

No matter what actions the administration takes, there is always some kind of drawback. Do they ever stop to think that their stricter policies make it all the more exciting for the smokers?

every school; it always has been and always will be. The difference is in the methods and effectiveness of those who attempt to prohibit it.

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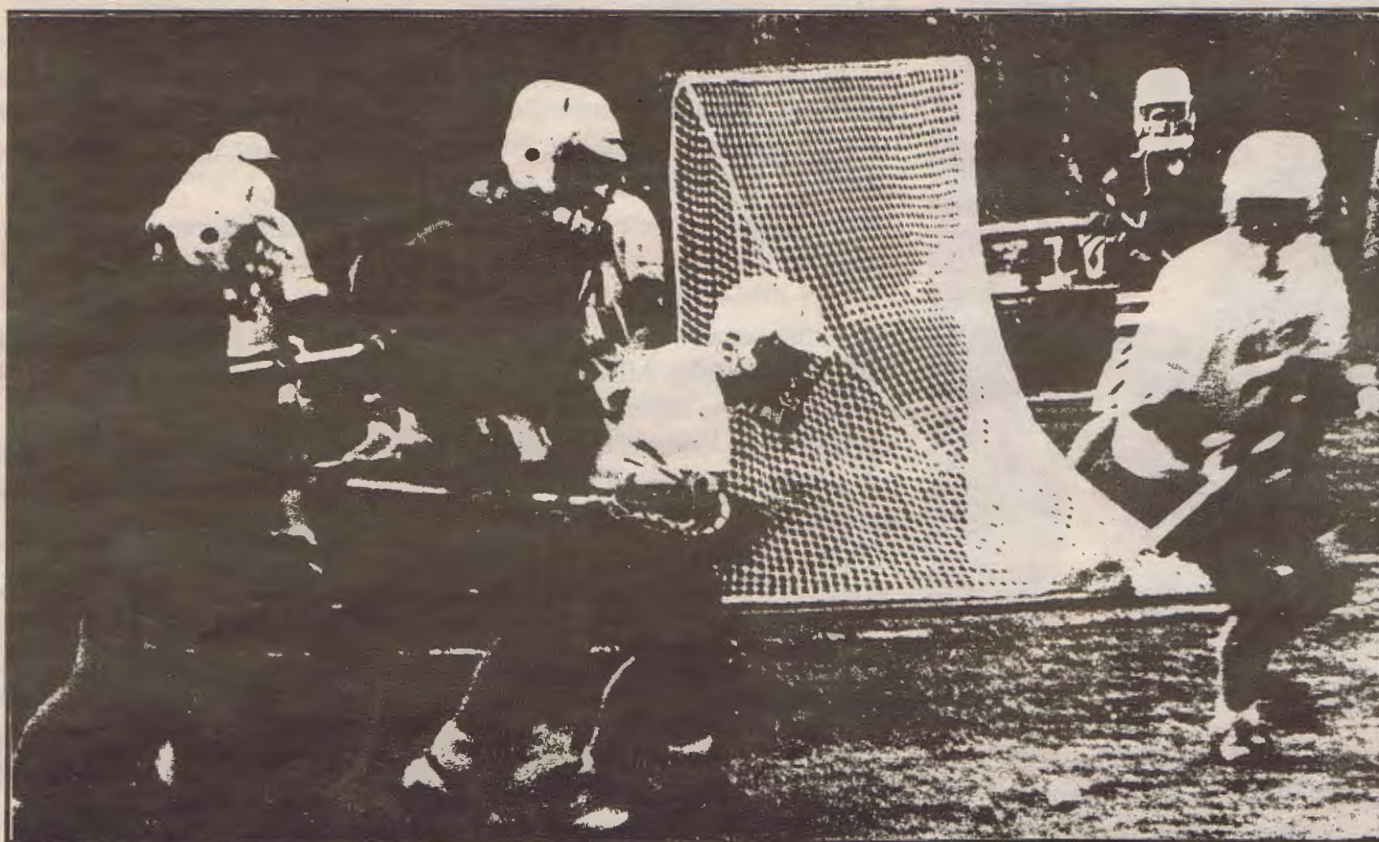
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Corey Stacey grapples with a Milford player during the first lacrosse match last Thursday on the Lee town field. (photo by Cozette Carroll)

B-ball team loses opener

by Amy Howell

The boys baseball team did not start the season with a bang like they hoped. Instead, they lost to Kearsarge 9-2 after beating them last year by a whopping 25-2. Many valuable seniors were lost last year due to graduation but high hopes and aspiration are still present.

The boys were encouraged by winning many of their pre-season scrimmages. Junior Tim Dee was optimistic about the season, "The team should be really strong, we would like to do as well as we did last year, if not better" Captain Brad Taylor hopes to "win it all!"

What did coach Jerry LaChance predict? "[I'd] like to say we'll take it all but I wouldn't want to put that kind of pressure on the kids," LaChance said. "Do I think we have the potential for that, yes. But we'll need some breaks."

This season opener made the team do a double take. The team lost last year in the semi finals to Kingswood after a fine season with a record of 18

3. How do they plan on doing this again? Junior Dan Kowel is confident about the team's relationship, "Once step on the field, we click and put problems aside" Taylor asks for school's support. "We need lots of support is a plus!"

The fans seem to be excited about the '95 season. Junior Anne G stated why she would never miss a game, "It's fun in the sun, who wants to sit at home on their bum?" Seniors Abby Smith and Kelly DeForest responded in sync, "Why would we miss a game? It's the American pastime...sport of the world!"

Lacrosse Debuts as Club Sport

by Melanie Braswell

Finally, a dream has come true for many Oyster River students: a chance

to play lacrosse day after day.

The team was organized by a player's mother, Mrs. Jan Dorr, who was asked to do this by many OR students. She first suggested playing for Dover, but Dover would agree only if the team was part of the district. Mrs. Dorr signed up a sheet to see the interest. Thirty students responded.

"It's the fastest-growing sport," Mrs. Dorr said. "Hopefully the school board will see how much interest there is in lacrosse and maybe next year the team can be part of the high school, instead

of a club team."

Mrs. Dorr found the coach after talking with the head coach at UNH, who recommended a former lacrosse

player, Brian Samborski. Now he and Jerry Holly are the two head coaches of the team.

The team played its first game against Milford on April 13 on the Lee town field. The first game ever for this team was better than most people expected. Two goals each were scored by Corey Stacey, Eric Ritchings, and one by James Witham.

Why has Oyster River never had a lacrosse team? Athletic Director Dave Nichols said, "It costs too much money so the school board keeps voting it down. I put it in the budget every year

and it always gets cut. The school board says no new programs."

Despite obstacles that face the team, players are enthusiastic. "The team

wants to play and we've come together a little but practices have been hard without enough room or equipment. I'm looking forward to playing and I think we've got a chance to win some games," said junior Jason Turgeon. Although on the team, there is not much experience. Out of the 30 players on the team, only about 10 of them said they know how to play.

"I think it will be a difficult season seeing how it's our first year playing, but we're all willing to work hard for our team and we should come around

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Tennis Teams Predict Championship

by Tim Dee

After a very successful season last year, ending with an unexpected loss in the first round of the playoffs, the boys tennis team will try its best to go all the way this year.

The team, which finished with a 15-1 record last season, returns with all of its players this year and has very high expectations.

Senior co-captains Chris Davis and Josh Jenkins both predict a state championship. Said Davis, "We will win the states this year. There is no doubt. We all worked hard this winter with Coach Shaka and that should carry us through

the season."

Sophomore Chris Merenda sees a championship ahead. "The tennis team rocks my kitchen. We're going all the way this year for sure."

Coach Tim Craig believes that "This is the best team that Oyster River has ever had" and that "We will surely be a contender."

The team is now focusing on doubles play, because Coach Craig believes that the team is strong enough to win the singles matches, but their weakness is in the doubles matches.

One sad note: This will most likely be Coach Craig's last year coaching. But, before he leaves, he

would like to have the team in a good position, with three seniors leaving. The coaching spot is still up for grabs.

The boys started off with an 8-1 victory over Derryfield. Jenkins, Davis, Greg Friel, Chris Wesley, and Chris McDowell all won their singles matches. The team will go for its sixth win in as many tries on Monday against Milford.

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